(*b*) The figures for 1110 are not yet ready. For 1109, the number audited by the Inspectors is 1021 and that by supervisors and other honorary auditors is 725.

(*c*) Rs. 3,499-11-0 to supervising unions in 1110.

Rs. 20,797-12-2 to the Inspectors in 1110.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : May I know why the supervising unions are not allowed to audit more societies?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : Sir the audit of societies is a statutory obligation on the Government and the policy of the department is as far as possible to confine the audit to the department.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : Then, may I know why these supervising unions are allowed to audit?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : In view of the inadequacy of the present staff.

Disputes of co-operative societies which ended in civil suits.

39. * **Mr. E. P. Varghese :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number, if any, of disputes arising in co-operative societies which have ended in civil suits since 1108 M. E. ; and

(*b*) the number of complaints to the Government since 1108 M. E. about the interference of the Registrar in the working of co-operative societies?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : (*a*) Information is not available, as the societies do not give any information to the Registrar of the filing of suits.

(*b*) 22.

Secretariat establishment before and after standardisation.

40. * **Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad :** Will the Government be pleased to state what was the strength of the establishment in the Secretariat before standardisation and what is the strength now (14-3-1111)?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : Before standardisation ... 261.
After standardisation ... 261.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad : May I know from the member whether a few clerks are declared super numeraries in the Secretariat?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : Yes, a few have been declared supernumeraries.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad : May I know the number of such clerks?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : About ten.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad : After the standardisation, may I know whether these supernumeraries were given permanent places?

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